

NEGRO ASSAILANT MAKES CONFESSION

**Fiends Who Attacked Mrs.
Burnley Coleman and
Daughter now in Jail**

GREAT EXCITEMENT.

Richmond and Fredericksburg Sold-
iers Ordered to Hold Themselves in
Readiness.

(Special Dispatch to the Gazette)
Richmond July 15.—John Lewis
Rollings, a negro who was arrested
near Bowling Green following an as-
sault upon Mrs. Burnley Coleman
Sunday night, today confessed his
crime while awaiting a hearing be-
fore the grand jury at Bowling Green.
Rollings implicated George Mat-
thews, another negro, who is also
under arrest, being held in the Rich-
mond jail.
Rollins was taken from Henrico
County jail to Bowling Green early
today.
Rollins on being arraigned for
trial at Bowling Green after his con-
fession, pleaded guilty. Sentence was
deferred in order that Rollings might
be used as a witness against Mat-
thews. The latter, after the trial
started, broke down and confessed.
At 1:30 court took recess for dinner.
The trial of Matthews will be conclud-
ed this afternoon, and both men will
be sentenced to the death chair be-
fore dark.
Much excitement prevails in the
neighborhood of the crime.
Company B, of Richmond, and com-
pany L, of Fredericksburg, were or-
dered to hold themselves in readi-
ness to go to Bowling Green in case
of trouble. It was said early this af-
ternoon that their presence would
not be needed.
Mrs. Burnley Coleman, aged fifty,
and her daughter, Eula, aged twen-
ty-five, were attacked when alone in
their home at Rappahannock Acad-
emy, early last Sunday night.
Their recollections of the night are
vague. They remember being awak-
ened in their upstairs rooms by pre-
sence of negro men in their bed room.
A vigorous fight ensued the women
screaming and resisting. The negroes
were forced from the room into the
hall, and the door was barricaded
with a chiffonier.
The negroes went from the house
supposedly through the kitchen win-
dow, which they had forced in enter-
ing.
Then to intimidate the women from
further calling to neighbors for help
bricks were hurled through the win-
dows of the room.
A ladder was used, presumably to
re-enter the room. Mrs. Coleman and
her daughter pushed the ladder from
its place repeatedly in face of flying
bricks and breaking glass, until the
noise of the struggle brought T.
Steven, a neighbor, to the scene.
All occurred in the darkness and
the woman have not yet positively
identified the apprehended negroes
as their assailants.

LIGHTNING KILLS AT 'PHONE.

Reading Pa., July 15.—At the
height of the most severe electric
storm of the season Tuesday night
lightning struck the home of the
Magnolia Club on Mt. Penn, killed
Edwin J. Leisman and stung his
mother and Henry Upperman. Lei-
smann was sitting in the kitchen near
a telephone, and when his father had
relighted one of four lamps that the
bolt extinguished the son's body was
found on the floor. The only marks
on the body were a few streaks across
the breast.

**REMEMBER THE DATE
YEA! YEA! YEA!
EAGLE'S EXCURSION
ALVA AERIE, NO. 871
F. O. E.
TO MARSHALL HALL
THURSDAY, JULY 22, '15
ICE FREE
\$50,000 spent in amusements at the
resort. Special Athletic events,
Clarendon A. C. vs. Eagles.**

TOWN UNDER WATER.

Rosendale, Mo., Flooded by Sudden
Rise in River—Corning Situa-
tion Worse.

St. Joseph, Mo., July 15.—The flood
situation at Corning, Mo., where a
dyke protecting the town from the
Tarkio River broke Tuesday, forc-
ing the inhabitants to seek high
places, was more serious yesterday.
The dyke, one mile long, had been
washed away and water was pouring
into every building.
Those of the inhabitants who did
not flee to the hills have congregated
in upper stories of buildings. Among
the refugees in Corning are an-
nuer of farmers' families driven from
their homes by the flood.
It was still raining at Corning to-
day. The town is cut off from rail-
road and telephone communication.
An appeal for help has been sent
out from Rosendale, Mo., a village of
several hundred inhabitants, 25 miles
north of here. A sudden rise of four
feet in 102 river today put the en-
tire town under water and it was re-
ported that a further rise of seven
feet was coming as a result of heavy
rains above there today.
Efforts are being made to get a
train within reach of the town so
that the inhabitants may be conveyed
to it in boats. There were fears that
farmers in bottom lands might not
be able to reach points of safety.

SOUGHT PEACE WITH SERBIA.

Rome Says Austria's Overtures Were
Rejected.

Rome, via Paris, July 15.—A semi-
official announcement published in
Rome to the effect that when Italy's
entrance into the conflict appeared
inevitable Austria-Hungary first at-
tempted to make a separate peace
with Serbia and then tried to con-
clude an armistice, which would al-
low her to remove her troops from
the Serbian frontier, is causing a
deep impression in Italy.
Although these negotiations only
leaked out in the present semi-offi-
cial announcement, considering the
caution of the Italian Foreign Office,
it is taken by the Italian press to in-
dicate that the Italian Government
possesses the proofs of its assertions.

RESCUE WORKS KILLS THREE.

Gas Explodes as Men Try to Reach
Two Overcome Workers.

Johnstown, Pa., July 15.—Eli Skad-
ish, Stanko Wiczka and Michael Ra-
dovich lost their lives and six other
men, two of whom were C. H. Mc-
Closkey and Harold Williams, were
badly injured by an explosion of
gas at the benzol plant of the Cam-
bria Steel Company last night. The
plant, which is the outcome of the
invention of Thomas A. Edison in the
manufacture of benzol recently given
wide publicity, is being improved in
order to double its capacity, and one
of the improvements consisted of
the erection of a new stack.
Skadish went into the stack and
was overcome by gas. Radovich fol-
lowed and also was overcome. Both
men clutched an iron bar so firmly
that fellow workmen found it impos-
sible to break their holds. The bar
extended to the exterior of the stack
and the workmen finally decided that
if the end were struck with as ledge
the grips of the men might be jarred
loose.
Radovich wielded the sledge. A
spark set off the gas in the interior
and the three men were instantly kil-
led, Radovich being blown 25 feet
by the force of the explosion. The
others were found dead when the in-
terior was explored. McCloskey
was terribly burned on the face.

ARREST PAN-SLAVIC LEADER

Dr. Raschin Member of National Diet,
Held in Prague

Prague, July 15.—Dr. Raschin, pro-
minent Czech, Pan-Slavic leader and
president of the powerful Czech news-
paper, Narodni Listy, has been ar-
rested, it is announced.
Only recently Dr. Raschin was elec-
ted to the Austrian diet. Twenty
years ago he was sentenced to prison
for political reasons.
Czech leaders, since the beginning
of the war, have been promoting a
movement for Bohemian nationalism.
Rumors of wholesale arrests have
been circulated in London but this is
the first report from an Austro-Ger-
man source.

EDITORS GATHER AT NEWPORT NEWS

City Entertaining Virginia
Press Association Which
Met Today.

PROGRAM ARRANGED.

Local Newspapers and Chamber of
Commerce Are Making Visit of
Writers Most Enjoyable.

Newport News, Va., July 15.—
The editors of the press of Virginia,
accompanied by their wives and
daughters, are in this city for the
twenty-seventh annual meeting of the
Virginia Press Association, which be-
gan this morning in the auditorium of
the Warwick Hotel, which will be
headquarters during the three days'
session. The coming of the editors
and the entertainment which will be
accorded them, is one of the festivi-
ties of the year which marks the cele-
bration of the nineteenth anniversary
of Newport News, the city having
been incorporated, with a population
of 9,000 souls, on January 20, 1896.
S. R. Buxton, former Mayor, de-
livered the address of welcome. He
delivered the keys of the city over
to George O. Greene, president of
the Virginia Press Association.
When the business session opens
at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning Miss
Bertha Gray Robinson, one of the edi-
tors of the Orange Observer and his-
torian of the Virginia Press Associa-
tion, will read two papers, one a re-
view of the activities and changes in
the newspaper field of Virginia dur-
ing the past twelve months, and the
other some witty comment on the
peculiarities of prominent newspaper
workers of the State. Mrs. E. W.
Bissell, of the Staunton News, will
read a paper on "The Press of Yes-
terday and To-day," which promises
to be interesting as well as valuable
in the historical data it will contain.
At 11 o'clock through the courtesy
of the Newport News and Hampton
Railway, Gas and Electric Company,
the visitors will be taken on a tour
of historical spots and points of in-
terest along the Virginia Peninsula,
finishing up at Buckroe Beach, where
they will be the guests of the manage-
ment at a fish dinner. This will be
followed by bathing, fishing and other
amusements, such as that popular re-
sort affords. An address will be de-
livered by John Temple Graves, for-
merly of Georgia, now editorial writer
on the New York American, at 5
o'clock in the Olympic Theater. Fol-
lowing the address the local lodge of
Elks will give a stag party.
Saturday, the final day, will be fea-
tured by the election of officers at 9
o'clock, followed by a visit to the
mammoth plant of the Newport News
Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company.
At 1 o'clock they will be the guests
of the shipbuilding company at lun-
cheon at the Warwick Hotel. Harry
R. Houston, candidate for Speaker
of the House of Delegates, will de-
liver an address. Vice-President and
General Manager H. L. Ferguson, of
the shipbuilding company, will speak
on "The Merchant Marine," and Col-
W. S. Copeland, editor of the Times-
Herald, will also speak.
Following the luncheon the party
will be accorded a steamboat tour
of the Chesapeake Bay, through the
courtesy of the shipbuilding company.
On the return a stop will be made at
Old Point Comfort, where those who
desire to spend Sunday at Hotel
Chamberlin may leave the steamer.
Those desiring to return to their
homes will be brought back to New-
port News in time to catch the late
trains.
At the meeting held in Alexandria
last summer there was a marked in-
crease in the membership, and Secre-
tary Hart's report will show the Vir-
ginia Press Association to be gaining
in influence and power each year.

NOTICE

Beginning on Saturday,
July 17th., the Washington
Southern Railway Freight
Station, will be closed at 1
o'clock on Saturdays.

THAW DECLARED SANE

Slayer of Sanford White will Probab-
ly be Liberated

New York, July 15.—Harry K. Thaw
was yesterday declared sane.
The jury called to advise Justice
Hendrick on his present mental con-
dition, after forty-five minutes' de-
liberation, unanimously agreed that
Thaw is entitled to restoration to li-
berty and citizenship.
Justice Hendrick immediately re-
manded Thaw into the custody of
Sheriff Griffenhagen, and today he
heard argument on a motion to vacate
the order committing him to Mat-
teawan. Decision on this argument
will probably be announced tomor-
row morning. It is generally believed
the Justice will free Thaw.
On the presumption that Justice
Hendrick will be guided by the un-
animous view of the twelve men he
summoned to advise him, it is learn-
ed that Attorney General Woodbury
will take an appeal in behalf of the
state, pending the result of which
Thaw will be released on bail.
Bail to the amount of \$10,000 is
ready for Thaw, this sum having been
agreed upon.
With the vindication of Thaw's
sanity assured by the verdict of the
jury, Mrs. Thaw's battle for her son
represents a total expenditure of al-
most \$2,000,000.
The two murder trials cost the
Thaws a round million, and in ad-
dition \$350,000 has been spent in the
subsequent proceedings, to have the
ban of insanity lifted.
The estimated cost of the State for
the Thaw litigation has been \$18,600.

POSSE KILLS NEGRO

Alleged Slayer of Three Whites De-
fied Them Even After Home
is Dynamited

Macon Ga., July 15.—A posse of
citizens and county officers yesterday
shot and killed Peter Jackson, a
negro, accused of killing three white
men near Cochran, Ga. The negro
had barricaded himself in his home
and defied the posse who, according
to reports received here, blew up the
house with dynamite. Jackson, it
was stated, continued firing after
his house was dynamited, and he
then was shot down.
The dead white men are: W. S.
Hogg, aged 40, night marshal; Lynn
Sanders, 40, farm supervisor, and
Oscar Lawson, 23, a farm hand.
Jackson, according to reports, was
criticized by Sanders late Tuesday
for some work he had done and the
supervisor is said to have struck the
negro. Later, it is alleged, Jackson
accosted Sanders, drew a pistol and
fired twice, one bullet entering San-
ders' heart, killing him almost in-
stantly.
Early yesterday Hogg and Lawson
went to Jackson's home to arrest
him, when, it is alleged, the negro
fired upon them with a shotgun.
They died shortly afterwards.

BOMBS ON CAMP

A Daring Feat by the Italian Aerial
Squadron Attacking Austrians
Behind Gorizia

Milan, July 15.—A brilliant feat
has been accomplished by the Italian
flight squadron, which attacked the
large Austrian camp behind Gorizia
dropping high explosives from a
height of 2,000 feet which means
that the daring aviators exposed
themselves to shells aimed from the
Austrian batteries. The object of
the raid was attained and the avi-
ators returned in safety.
The Austrian authorities in the
first six weeks of the war inaugu-
rated a reign of terror both in
Trentino and Istria that out of 900-
000 inhabitants of the two provinces
only 200,000 are now left. The rest
have either hurriedly emigrated to
Italy or have been driven by the
Austrians out of their homes to
places further in the interior of Aus-
tria, while many have been arrested
or taken on suspicions of camps of
concentration.

**40 Miles Moonlight
Excursion
Steamer W. L. DAVIS**
Leaves Roberts wharf foot King
Street every night at 7:00 o'clock ex-
cepting Monday nights until Sept.
7th 1915.
Dancing, Music Refreshments
Adults 25c Children 15c

STOUTLY DEFEND NAVAL ACADEMY

Hay and Bushnell Argue
Before Inquiry Court
at Annapolis

NELSON MAIN FIGURE

Faith Expressed in High Standards
of Honor—Robert Moss Closes
Case for Original Defendants.

Annapolis, Md., July 15.—Before
the court of inquiry at Annapolis
yesterday much progress was made,
and there is no doubt that the argu-
ments for the defendants will be
closed today. The judge advocate will
then close for the government.
The defense of Midshipman R. M.
Nelson, whose achievements as a
scholar and admitted readiness to
help other midshipmen with their
studies, as well as the fact that he is
the only member of the graduating
class recommended for dismissal,
have made him the most interesting
figure of the proceedings, was made
by N. P. Bushnell, of Peekskill, N. Y.,
the home of Midshipman Nelson. Mr.
Bushnell argued that not only had the
government failed to show that any
of the defendants had been parties
to a theft of the examination papers
but that the overwhelming evidence,
including the testimony of many mid-
shipmen called by the judge advoca-
te, proved that they did not sus-
pect the character of the papers
when they fell into their hands.
The additional charges against
Midshipman Nelson, Mr. Bushnell
said, were that he had entered the
academy building to find his marks,
that he owned a key which would
open department doors, and that he
had taken some turbine sheets from
the department. He argued that the
rugging of marks was a schoolboy
prank which was punished lightly by
the academy authorities, and that the
key in Nelson's possession had been
borrowed by him to open a room
where he could use a typewriter. He
argued that the turbine sheets were of
no value to Nelson, but had been used
by him in other midshipmen's in-
terest.
Representative Hay stated at the
opening of his remarks that he had
been informed by Secretary Daniels
that he would adopt the findings of
the court of inquiry as to the guilt
or innocence of any midshipman, and
he expressed his confidence in the
fairness of the court's action. Mr.
Hay praised the Navy, and expressed
his belief in the high standards of
honor among the midshipmen. He
argued that the midshipmen's actions
in handling the papers openly, in-
stead of copying them and destroying
the originals, showed that they did
not suspect their character. Robert
Moss, father of Midshipman James E.
Moss, the recipient of the papers,
closed the case for the original de-
fendants.
George D. Price, of Charleston,
W. Va., argued the case of Midship-
man A. C. Rodgers, R. L. Walker and
George R. Price, the latter his son.
The evidence against these midship-
men was that translations in the
handwriting of Rogers were found
near the examination room, and the
answers of Walker and Price were
found to be similar, in some cases.
It was argued that the midshipmen
had possession of the information
which was common throughout the
classes, and that Rogers had trans-
lated it for Walker and Price. These
translations, it was claimed, were
thrown away by the two midship-
men before they entered the exami-
nation room.
Statements in their own behalf
were read to the court by Midship-
men H. H. Harrison, W. J. Confer,
A. D. Struble and R. Burhen, all
members of the class which graduat-
ed last month. The evidence against
Harrison was that he secured a copy
of the advanced information, consti-
tuting most of the examination, from
Wessell, who was in the hospital,
and distributed it to various members
of the class. Harrison explained
that he secured the information, be-

lieving it to be founded on matter
given out in the class, by Prof.
Cusachs, and that he continued to
hold this belief until after the ex-
amination.

Midshipmen Confer, Struble and
Burhen were all implicated in the
case by the statement of Commander
Traut that the memoranda in their
handwriting had been found near the
examination room. All of them denied
that they had taken any of these into
the room, and they pointed to the
later testimony of Commander Traut
in which he stated that the answers
of these midshipmen indicated that
they had not made use of the memo-
randa.

BALKANS PREPARE FOR ACTION

Bulgar Envoy Confer with Roumanian
Minister in Rome Regarding
Question

Rome July 15.—Daily conferences
between the new Bulgarian Minister
Stunioff and the Roumanian Minis-
ter Chika at the Roumanian legation
here, strengthened the report that
Bulgaria, Roumania and Greece are
preparing for joint action either by
joining the allies or announcing their
neutrality for the remainder of the
war. The two ministers had a long-
lengthy conference today but attaches de-
clared Stunioff was merely paying
a friendly call.
Advices from Athens today report
that the meeting of the Greek parlia-
ment on July 20, when the 'war party'
of ex-Premier Venizelos was to have
come into power, probably will be
postponed because of the continued
illness of King Constantine.
The Roma Tribuna says the Kings
of Bulgaria and Roumania, accom-
panied by their foreign ministers, are
planning to go to Athens to confer
on the Balkan situation with King
Constantine.
As all three kings are personally
opposed to intervention, only the ar-
guments of their ministers, that it
is necessary to safeguard the interest
of their countries, will force their
hands.

BANKER KILLS HIMSELF.

Arthur George Sedgwick Ends Life
Four Days After Associate.

Pittsfield, Mass., July 15.—Arthur
George Sedgwick, of New York, and
Stockbridge, Mass., retired banker
and broker and author of several
books, committed suicide in a hotel
here by shooting himself through the
temple, just four days after his
most intimate friend, Daniel Le Roy
Dresser, killed himself in New York.
Members of his family say Sedg-
wick had been ill several years, and
lately his condition had been growing
worse. He had also been despondent
since the death of Dresser, of whom
he was a business associate as well
as a friend.
Early yesterday he drove to Pitts-
field in his car and engaged a room.
He retired at once, and nothing was
heard from him until about 2 o'clock,
when a maid heard a shot. The hot-
el clerk and a porter found Sedg-
wick lying dead on the floor.

WOMAN KICKED TO DEATH.

Killed by Sick Horse She Was Doc-
toring in Stable.

Dover, Del., July 15.—Mrs. Howard
Virden, wife of West Dover's tax col-
lector, while looking after a sick horse
in the stable on the farm yesterday
afternoon, was kicked by the animal,
and was found some time later by her
husband, with her head and face bat-
tered almost beyond recognition.
While it was thought life was still
present when she was carried from
there to the house, she died be-
fore the arrival of a physician.

Fatal Plunge.

Philadelphia, July 15.—Either jump-
ing or falling from the third-story
window of his boarding house, at No.
108 Monroe street yesterday, Solomon
Mozor, 22 years old, met death on
the sidewalk below, and, in his des-
cent, almost crushed Mrs. Mary Mc-
Clister, a neighbor, who was sitting
on the steps. So close did the young
man's body come to Mrs. Clister that
his arm struck her shoulder, and a
second later his body was spread out
at her feet.
The ladies contest for the free trip
to Atlantic City is getting interest-
ing. Get in it quickly.

BRITAIN FACES SERIOUS TROUBLE

120,000 Miners Walk out in
Defiance of the Gov-
ernment

DISREGARD LEADERS.

Men Allege They Have Struck
Against Organized Greed—Collier-
ies Making Hugh Fortunes

Cardiff, Wales, July 15.—The Brit-
ish government today faced the most
serious internal trouble since the
beginning of the war.
In open defiance of the govern-
ment's threat to enforce the war
munitions act, practically every coal
miner in the South Wales collieries
quit work today. It is estimated that
120,000 persons were made idle by
the walk out.
The men walked out against the
advice of the advice of the majori-
ty of their leaders, who urged that
they defer action pending the
decision of the executive body of the
South Wales Federation of Miners
today.
By their action they practically
dared the government to proceed un-
der the new munitions act and at-
tempt to collect the \$25 a day fine
imposed on each striker who quits
work without awaiting arbitration
and interferes with the production of
munitions of war.
The walk-out came at a time when
it appeared probable that the diffi-
culties between the miners and the
colliery owners would be settled.
The executive council of the federa-
tion was expected today to reach
a decision with the government by
which terms of arbitration would be
agreed upon.

Newport, on the Irish Sea, reported
the first distress today as the re-
sult of the coal miners' dispute.
Practically all the railway lines car-
rying coal to the docks were suspen-
ded and a number of vessels arriving
in the harbor for coal were forced
to lie idle.
The strike probably will last only
until the end of this week, the miners
said today. In the meantime they
believe an investigation by the gov-
ernment will prove their claims well
founded.

"We do not want to embarrass the
government," said one strike leader
today. "But we believe it is the
time to strike again organized
greed."
"The colliery owners are making
huge profits out of the war. We
know that they plan to close their
pits indefinitely when their coffers
are filled at the end of the struggle
and starve us into submission to their
terms. All we ask is a fair deal for
our men and their families."

MURDER FOLLOWS QUARREL.

Man Fatally Stabbed by Wife Ad-
mits He Struck Her And
Threw Teacup.

Philadelphia, July 15.—During a
quarrel in his home Tuesday night,
Louis Lista, 46 years old, of North
street below Carpenter was stabbed
twice below the heart by his wife,
Rosa, and died an hour later in the
Pennsylvania Hospital. In an ante-
mortem statement, taken by Magis-
trate Toughill Lista declared the
quarrel started over his inability to
obtain work. He admitted striking
his wife when he returned home and
found no supper prepared for him,
but said he struck the woman only
after she had taunted him about be-
ing a "loafer." The woman tried
from the house when she saw her
husband bleeding on the floor, Lista
said, and has not been seen since.

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